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SENATOR MATZKE: ...that actually isn't going to cost us an appropriation. If Health and Human Services finds that they can't afford to handle it in their normal budget, they can always come back next year. This is the first year that I've served on the Appropriations Committee in an off year, and I'm just amazed at all of the deficiency requests that we get. It's not going to break any records if they come in and say they need a little money to make up a deficiency. And the money we're talking about is virtually nothing, and I don't think an A bill is necessary, based upon the conference that we had with the Governor. And I strongly support this override.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Chambers, Schimek and Hilgert.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in strong support of this override. I think that LB 480 is probably one of the most important pieces of legislation in front of us, both this year and last year. Senator Schimek, throughout each level of debate, has demonstrated how clearly different women's and men's illnesses are. I think that if this initiative can provide additional information to doctors to correctly and promptly diagnose women's illnesses, it might prevent families from going through long, extended illnesses that are, you know, devastating to families. I think if this would even help one person in the state, it's well worth it. Senator Schimek has indicated that there is no money involved in this. Senator Matzke has agreed with that. Again, I just don't see how we could not pass this. I think if this would help even one family get a quick diagnosis or a proper diagnosis and perhaps avoid a long illness, I think it's well worth it. I'd appreciate your support in overriding the veto. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kiel pointed out an interesting point that if we were talking about beginning or potentially beginning farmers, we would have rural senators on the floor, as they did when we were passing those bills, putting a human face on the individuals involved, talking about the aging farm population, not money, no, you need to protect a way of life. But when it comes to